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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
GANGTOK**

**NO.30/GOS/FEWMD**

**Dated 22.8.2013**

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas the Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, vide Resolution No. 18020/19/97 M.P.Cell, dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2000, a Medicinal Plants Board has set up as a National level body to look after formulation of Policy, overall coordination to ensure sustained availability of medicinal plants, in-situ conservation and ex-situ cultivation and to harness their export potential;

And whereas, the Government of India has requested the State Government to set up a State Medicinal Plants Board at State level as well. Once the State Medicinal Plants Board is set up in the State, the Medicinal Plants Board at the national level would interact with the nodal agency for overall development of the sector and give final shape to the priority Schemes in the state;

And whereas, the State Government has desired to constitute and set up State Medicinal Plants Board with Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department as the Nodal Agency in the State. The State Medicinal Plants Board constituted shall be registered under the Notification No. 2602 A/H dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1960 as Society under Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim;

And whereas, various Departments and Organizations of the State Government are dealing with various issues relating to medicinal plants, and a need has been felt to strengthen coordination and linkage relating to the activities taken up by individual stake holders;

And whereas concern has been expressed about erosion and degradation of our resources, unsustained availability of quality drugs, high and fluctuating prices, improper marketing, lack of organized cultivation and the small share in the export market;

And whereas, after careful consideration, the State Government is of the opinion that a State Level Body should be constituted to look after formulation of policy, coordination with Departments /

Organizations, ensuring sustained availability of medicinal plants and to co-ordinate all matters relating to their development and sustainable use;

And whereas, the State Government has desired some modification with regard to the composition of the members of the Board and accordingly amended the Notification No.13/GOS/FEWMD dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007;

And whereas, the state government has desired some major changes in the composition of the Board and give more meaning full representation in the Board;

1. Now therefore with the view to achieve the above objectives, the State Government in supersession of Notification No.13/GOS/FEWMD dated, the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007, and Notification No.6/Home/2013 dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 is hereby pleased to constitute the State Medicinal Plants Board consisting of the following members, namely:-

1)	Shri Sherap Palden Lepcha, Former Minister, Government of Sikkim (in the status of Cabinet Minister)	Chairman
2)	Principal Secretary -cum- PCCF, FEWM Department	Vice-Chairman
3)	Chief Conservator of Forest (Territorial)/Member Secretary, SFDA	Member
4)	Principal Director of Forest, (NTFP, Research, Education & Extension)	Member-Secretary
5)	Mission Director (AYUSH), Health, Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department	Member
6)	Mission Director, National Mission on Medicinal Plant, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department.	Member
7)	Representative from Botanical Survey of India (Sikkim Unit)	Member
8)	Scientist In-charge from Regional Research Institute, Ayurvedic Sikkim Unit	Member
9)	Representative of Non-Governmental Organisation(NGO)	Member
10)	Director of Forest, (NTFP)	Chief Executive Officer
11)	Joint Director of Forests, (NTFP)	Nodal Officer

2. The Board shall be assisted by a **Standing Finance Committee** consisting of the following members:

1)	Principal Director -cum-Member Secretary(SMPB)	Chairman
2)	Director/Addl. Director of Forests, NTFP/SMPB	Member
3)	Chief Account Officer, Deptt. of Forests, Env. & W/L Management	Member/Financial advisor
4)	Jt. Director of Forests, NTFP/SMPB	Member

3. WHEREAS, as per the revised guidelines issued by National Medicinal Plants Board, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, under Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of medicinal plants,

the State Government was requested to constitute the State Level Screening and Evaluation Committee under rule 6.3 of the Revised Operational Guidelines for implementation of Scheme;

Now therefore, in suppression of the Notification NO. 13/GOS/FEWMD dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 and Notification No. 555/FEWMD/GOS/Dated 8.12.2008 published in extra ordinary Gazette number 557 dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 the state Government is hereby pleased to constitute. The State Level Screening and Evaluation Committee consisting of the following members, namely:

1.	Principal Secretary -cum- PCCF, FEWM Deptt.	Convenor
2.	Chief Wildlife Warden, FEWM Deptt	Member
3.	Pr. Director of Forest (NTFP)-cum-Member Secretary(SMPB)	Member
4.	Chief Conservator of Forest(Territorial)/Member Secretary SFDA	Member
5.	Representative from National Medicinal Plants Board	Member
6.	Representative from Botanical Survey of India	Member
7.	Representatives from Deptt. of AYUSH,Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim	Member
8.	Scientist Incharge Regional Research Institute (Ayurvedic) Tadong, Sikkim Unit, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India	Member
9.	Director of Forest(NTFP)	Member
10.	Joint Director of Forest (NTFP)	Member

The Principal Secretary-cum-PCCF, Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department shall be the Convenor of the Committee.

4. Terms of reference of the State Level Screening and Evaluation Committee:  
The function of the State Level Screening and Evaluation Committee shall be to examine all the project proposal placed by State Medicinal Plants Board and recommend the same proposal to National Medicinal Plants Board along with its technical comments and prioritization.
5. The identified Departments/ Organizations shall also provide necessary assistance required for the better functioning of the committee. The Board shall have powers to include any other concerned Department / Organization for the functioning of the committee as it may feel appropriate and may like to constitute more committees, if required.
6. The Board shall also have the authority to invite representative from related organizations as special invitees. The Board shall also have the authority to regulate its own procedures for performing the function entrusted to it and can award work to Government and Non-Government Institution to facilitate collection of data, preparation of policy papers and promotive materials. The Board may appoint such numbers of Technical manpower, office staff and field staff as may be necessary subject to sanction from the funding agency and approval of the State Government and Government instructions on the subject.

7. The expenditure of the Board shall be borne by the State Government, Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department.
8. The Headquarter of the Board will be at Forest Secretariat, Gangtok.
9. The Board shall be established and start functioning from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

#### **10. FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD**

The function of the State Medicinal Plants Board shall be coordinate with Departments / Organizations working in the state for development of medicinal plants in general and specifically in the following fields namely;

- (1) assessment of demand / supply position relating to medicinal plants within state, country and abroad as well;
- (2) advise concerned Departments / Organizations on matters relating to schemes and programme for development of medicinal plants;
- (3) provide guidance in the formulation of proposals, schemes and programmes etc. to be taken up by agencies having access for cultivation and infrastructure for collection, storage and transportation of medicinal plants;
- (4) identification, inventorisation and quantification of medicinal plants;
- (5) promotion of Ex-situ / In-situ cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants;
- (6) promotion of co-operative efforts among collectors and growers and assisting them to transport and market their produce effectively;
- (7) setting up of data-base system for inventorisation, dissemination of information and facilitate the prevention of Patents being obtained for medicinal use of plants which is the public domain;
- (8) matters relating to import / export of raw material, as well as value added products either medicine, food supplements or as herbal cosmetics including adoption of better techniques, marketing of product to increase their reputation for quality and reliability in the country and abroad;
- (9) undertaking and awarding Scientific, Technological research and cost effective studies;
- (10) development of protocols for cultivation and quality control;
- (11) encouraging the protection of patent Rights and Information public Relation.

## **11. BUDGET AND OPERATION OF FUND**

- (1) The State medicinal Plants Board shall maintain an account in the name of State Medicinal Plants Board under Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim and not in the name of an individual with any Scheduled Bank located at Gangtok.
- (2) The Account should be operated jointly by the Chief Executive Officer and the Nodal Officer of the State Medicinal Plants Board through the Account section in the Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department.
- (3) After approval of the budget by the Board, the Principal Director of Forests(NTFP)-cum-Member Secretary , SMPB shall have the full powers to administratively approve and sanction all estimates/ work programme /bills.
- (4) All the Grant /fund received from the National Medicinal Plants Board, Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India shall be deposited in the Nationalized Bank account of the State Medicinal Plants Board.
- (5) The fund shall be operated by Board duly following the Guideline/Procedure/ Instructions from Government of India in this respect and as per the General Financial Rules, procedure issued by State Government from time to time.
- (6) The accounts of the Board should be Audited by a Chartered Accountant regularly and it shall further be open for test check and auditing of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

The State Board may further make rules prescribing the various functions of the Board with the approval of the State Government.

**By order and in the name of the Governor.**

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